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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, PBOR, XF, IT, IS  
SUBJECT: DAYAN VISIT TO ITALY

1. SUMMARY: DAYAN'S TWO-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO ITALY  
DID NOT BREAK ANY NEW GROUND IN ISRAELI-ITALIAN  
RELATIONS BUT RATHER LEFT GOI OFFICIALS SKEPTICAL  
ABOUT ISRAEL'S FLEXIBILITY IN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.  
ITALIANS WERE NOT PLEASED WITH DAYAN'S CALL FOR NON-  
INTERFERENCE BY EC COUNTRIES IN MIDDLE EAST PEACE  
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PROCESS. END SUMMARY.

2. ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN SPENT FOUR DAYS,  
IN ITALY, JANUARY 9-13, OF WHICH FIRST TWO CONSTITUTED  
OFFICIAL VISIT. (ON SUCCEEDING DAYS, DAYAN MET WITH  
POPE PAUL, HELD PRESS CONFERENCE, AND MET WITH  
ITALIAN POLITICAL AND BUSINESS LEADERS.) DURING

OFFICIAL PORTION OF VISIT DAYAN MET WITH PRESIDENT  
LEONE, PRIME MINISTER ANDREOTTI AND FOREIGN MINISTER  
FORLANI.

3. ACCORDING TO MFA, DAYAN STRESSED TO ITALIANS  
ISRAELI FLEXIBILITY IN MIDDLE EAST, SAYING THAT CURRENT  
BEGIN PROPOSALS ALREADY CONTAIN SUBSTANTIAL CONCESSIONS  
AND THAT THERE IS POTENTIAL FOR MORE FLEXIBILITY ON  
ISRAELI PART AS NEGOTIATIONS DEVELOP. WHEN HE GOT DOWN  
TO SPECIFICS, HOWEVER, ITALIANS FELT ISRAELI ATTITUDE  
WAS ANYTHING BUT FLEXIBLE. MFA OFFICIALS THOUGHT  
DAYAN OVERLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT LIKELIHOOD OF SUCCESSFUL  
MEETING IN JERUSALEM, AND THEY EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT  
POSITION OF "EMBATTLED SADAT" IF ISRAELIS DO NOT MAKE  
GREATER CONCESSIONS PARTICULARLY REGARDING SHARM EL SHEIKH  
AND QUESTION OF PALESTINIAN STATE. DAYAN GAVE THEM  
IMPRESSION THAT ISRAELIS WANT U.S. TO PLAY ESSENTIALLY  
PASSIVE ROLE IN JERUSALEM TALKS EXCEPT IN CASE OF REAL  
IMPASSE. DAYAN DID REMARK AT ONE POINT THAT FACT THAT  
SECRETARY VANCE HAS ASKED TO MEET WITH HIM AND BEGIN  
JUST AFTER SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL JAN. 15 IN JERUSALEM  
INDICATES TO ISRAELIS THAT USG PLANS TO PUT PRESSURE  
ON ISRAELIS TO MAKE MORE CONCESSIONS.

4. ITALIANS WERE NOT HAPPY WITH DAYAN'S PRIVATE  
AND PUBLIC PLEA THAT THE EC NOT "INTERFERE" IN  
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MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS. MFA'S REACTION WAS THAT  
ISRAELIS ARE HAPPY TO HAVE OUTSIDE, I.E., USG,  
INTERVENTION WHEN IT SUITS THEIR ADVANTAGE BUT  
OTHERWISE, LABEL THIRD-PARTY INVOLVEMENT A HINDRANCE  
TO PEACE PROCESS.

5. COMMENT: DAYAN'S VISIT, FIRST SUCH BILATERAL  
VISIT SINCE 1973 VISIT OF THE ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER  
MEDICI TO ISRAEL, DOES NOT SEEM TO HAVE HAD MUCH  
EFFECT ON ITALIAN VIEW OF ISRAELI ROLE IN MIDDLE EAST.  
WHILE ITALIANS HAVE SOME SYMPATHY FOR ISRAEL AND ARE  
ANXIOUS TO SEE SETTLEMENT OF ISSUES IN ARAB-ISRAELI  
DISPUTE, THEIR ECONOMIC INTERESTS LIE FAR MORE IN THE  
ARAB WORLD THAN IN ISRAEL, AND THEY BELIEVE ISRAELIS  
MUST MAKE SUBSTANTIALLY GREATER CONCESSIONS, IF  
NECESSARY UNDER USG PRESSURE, BEFORE COMPREHENSIVE  
PEACE CAN BE ACHIEVED. GARDNER

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